

PE-RU-NA AS A LAST RESORT.



MR. WM. F. VAHLBERG.

Mr. William F. Vahlberg, Oklahoma City, Okla., writes:
 "One bottle of Peruna which I have taken did more toward relieving me of an aggravated case of catarrh of the stomach than years of treatment with the best physicians.
 "I had given up hopes of relief, and only tried Peruna as a last resort.
 "I shall continue using it, as I feel satisfied it will effect an entire and permanent cure.
 "I most cheerfully recommend Peruna to all who may read this.
 "Peruna is usually taken as a last resort. Doctors have been tried and failed. Other remedies have been used. Sanitariums have been visited. Travel has been resorted to.
 "At last Peruna is tried. Relief is found. This history is repeated over and over again, every day in the year. It is such results as this that give Peruna its unassailable hold upon the people. We could say nothing that would add force to such testimonials as the above. That people who have had catarrh and have tried every other remedy available, find relief in Peruna, constitutes the best argument that could be made.

Most people, philosophies the Dallas News, give advice about the things they don't understand and get it about the things they do.

NO SKIN WAS LEFT ON BODY.

Baby was Expected to Die with Eczema—Blood Oozed Out All Over Her Body—Now Well—Doctor Said to Use Cuticura.

"Six months after birth my little girl broke out with eczema and I had two doctors in attendance. There was not a particle of skin left on her body, the blood oozed out just anywhere, and we had to wrap her in silk and carry her on a pillow for ten weeks. She was the most terrible sight I ever saw, and for six months I looked for her to die. I used every known remedy to alleviate her suffering, for it was terrible to witness. Dr. C— gave her up. Dr. B— recommended the Cuticura Remedies. She will soon be three years old and has never had a sign of the dread trouble since. We used about eight cakes of Cuticura Soap and three boxes of Cuticura Ointment. James J. Smith, Dumid, Va., Oct. 14 and 22, 1909."

The constitution in China is the beginning of a new era in which Occidental civilization shall have a larger part, prophesies the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The awakening has begun. We may not anticipate a duplication of Japanese development, for the Chinese nature differs in important particulars. But, we may expect a wonderful metamorphosis, with more faithfulness in copying the American model.

BED-BOUND FOR MONTHS.

Hope Abandoned After Physicians' Consultation.

Mrs. Enos Shearer, Yew and Washington Sts., Centalla, Wash., says:

"For years I was weak and run down, could not sleep, my limbs swelled and the secretions were troublesome; pains were intense. I was fast in bed for four months. Three doctors said there was no cure for me and I was given up to die. Being urged, I used Doan's Kidney Pills. Soon I was better and in a few weeks was about the house, well and strong again."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

LOSING HOPE.

"You'll wake up some day and find yourself famous."
 "Well, I dunno. I've been going out for a long time now."—Pittsburg Post.

TALKING THROUGH THE GLASS.

A Simple Plan That Does Away With a Box Office Nuisance.

"I don't happen to know," said he, "who was the man responsible for the plan of having round holes cut in the windows of theatre ticket booths, but whoever devised it has my thanks."

"I remember when I used to crouch down and turn and twist like a gymnast to get my words to the ear of the man in the ticket office, for instance, and had to make contortions of many kinds to hear what he was saying. Nowadays wherever they have a cashier or some such person cooped up they have these round holes cut in the glass about as high as an average person's mouth, to make talking easier."

"There is even a newer scheme, which naturally didn't take long to come in, with so many phonographs about. They have run small horns through these openings in some of the theatres, so that the speaker and listener may stand fairly far apart and still be understood by each other."—New York Sun.

The Old Egg.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds, at a luncheon in New York, narrated her impressions of the great city that she had not seen for twenty years.

"New York has now taken her place among the world's capitals," she said. "New York is no longer young and unsophisticated. She has now all the weariness and vice of Paris, London and Rome."

"They who still speak of New York as young, childish, innocent, speak very foolishly. They remind me of Lord Exe of the Carlton."

"Lord Exe at 70 tried to lead the life of a youth of 25. He dyed his hair, wore a corset and frequented the music halls, Piccadilly Circus, and the Burlington Arcade."

"One afternoon, as he drove from the Carlton in his brougham, a member said, smiling:

"There goes Exe. He told me just now that he felt as fresh as a two-year-old."

"Another member sneered.
 "He probably meant a two-year-old egg," he murmured."—New York Times.

Well-Named

"The only thing that kept me from being furious," said the woman, "was the title of one of the pictures. It was called 'The Unexpected Return.' My husband's cousin bought the pictures from us. 'The Unexpected Return' and five others, for next to nothing. When she got the pictures home the rest of the family did not like them, so without a word of warning she packed them up and expressed them back accompanied by a polite little note requesting me to refund the money. What amused me was the appropriateness of that title, 'The Unexpected Return.' That struck me as being so funny that after I got through laughing about it I forgot to be angry."—New York Press.

HAD ECZEMA 15 YEARS.

Mrs. Thomas Thompson, of Clarksville, Ga., writes, under date of April 28, 1907: "I suffered 15 years with tormenting eczema; had the best doctors to prescribe; but nothing did me any good until I got CUTICURA. It cured me. I am so thankful. Thousands of others can testify to similar cures. CUTICURA is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 50c. by J. T. Supprains, Dept. A, Savannah, Ga."

Sharing His Celebrities.

The management of the various children's libraries have taken a leaf from the Arabian Nights. At any rate, each library now boasts a modern Scherazade in the person of a professional story-teller, whose mission it is to entertain the small borrowers at stated intervals by the recital of tales wise and otherwise.

On one of these occasions recently the story was Mrs. Peary's Snow Baby. The narrator must have been more than ordinarily vivid in her descriptive passages, for at the end of the ceremonies a little Italian boy came forward and made his modest plea. "Mrs. Peary," he began, winningly, "please come around to my house with me. I'd like my mother to look on a boy that had lived in such cold places."—New York Press.

It is not in accordance with the ethics of amateur sport, and especially with the spirit of intercollegiate athletics, declares the Philadelphia Record, that men should be procured to enter a college and to remain in it ostensibly as students, when the real purpose is to fortify the football team or the crew.

EVEN AN EXPERT LETS SOMETHING DROP ONCE IN A WHILE.



—Cartoon by Triggs, in the New York Press.

LATE EVENTS MEAN A MODERN CHINA

Prof. Hirth Calls Chinese Born Parliamentarians—Predicts Progress.

New York City.—Friedrich Hirth, Professor of Chinese in Columbia University, who as a lifelong student of the Chinese people, their language and literature, is considered one of the best authorities living on Chinese topics, gave it as his opinion that the death of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor meant the opening of an entirely new and better era, which would benefit not only China but the other nations of the world. He thought affairs in China would from now on advance rapidly toward European ideals, and though progress will be less rapid than in Japan, China would in thirty or even twenty years be transformed into a nation on an equal footing with the other great nations of the world.

Professor Hirth had no belief in the report that foul play had entered into the death of the Dowager or the Emperor. In regard to the general attitude of the influential parties and individuals toward the new rule, he said:

"I think the events of the next few weeks or days will determine the question of bloodshed or peace. I think that both Liberals and Conservatives are ready to wait quietly in order to see what course the Government will take. Prince Chun is a Liberal, and he has enough followers. I think, among the really dangerous party, the overardent Liberals, who might be called the Anarchistic party, to avert any trouble from them."

"Prince Chun, I believe, is an able man. He has visited Germany on a diplomatic mission. He alone of those who have come into great power in China has seen Europe; that single fact should be enough to show in what direction his rule will tend."

Speaking in a general way of the death of Emperor and Dowager he said:

"It appears to me a very beneficial thing for China. The antagonistic relations between the two and the control by the Dowager of the Emperor roused great dissatisfaction among the Liberals, who had rested their hopes on the Emperor."

"Yet Tsai-An played a valuable part. It almost seems she saved the nation in 1898, when by a coup d'etat the young Emperor tried to crowd on China in twenty days changes which the nation would have needed as many years to digest."

"Yet, the Emperor being highly appreciated by the party of reform and progress, her seizure of the reins of Government and suppression of new ideas cast a gloom over the spirit of the empire. And little as we know the new characters on the Chinese stage, it is fair to believe that both extremes—conservative and progressive—will hold themselves in check, and will wait to see where the Government is tending. All depends on events; it is impossible to state what will happen; one can only speak of probabilities."

"But the tendency, whether calm or violent, will, I feel sure, be toward liberalism. These two deaths have cleared the course for China. There is much talk of antagonism toward Manchuk rule, yet that antagonism is a thing of recent years; it has been greatly heightened by the relations between the Emperor and his aunt, the Dowager. I believe now that that antagonism will calm down for the time, and will, if the new Government gives satisfaction, die out."

"The talk is of a Constitutional Government. I think, and have always thought, the Chinese well fitted for it. They have always appeared to me to be born parliamentarians. Certainly they are as well fitted for liberal institutions as any Oriental nation—better fitted than the Turks or Persians, as well fitted, I think, as the Japanese. But I believe they will model their Government on the Japanese Government, and that the stages of their progress generally will be peaceful."

"The present Government has a strong liberal party behind it, and the radicals are too much in the minority now to do any harm. So many strong men, both liberal and radical, are with the Government that I do not foresee a serious outbreak."

VOODOO SIGN CAUSED SUICIDE.

Supersititious Test Applied to a Man Accused of Murder Drives Him to Death—Red Stain on the Weapon, Mistaken For Blood, Is Really Rust.

Monticello, Ark.—Suspicion of murder having been confirmed against him in the eyes of his neighbors by a voodoo test, Louis Hursh, a farmer, cut his throat and died in the presence of the coroner's jury.

Samuel Haywood was the man whose murder was under investigation. He was called to his front door at night and killed with a charge of buckshot. His wife had but a fleeting glance at the assassin and could give no clue to his identity.

Hursh was questioned about the crime at the inquest, but protested that he had no knowledge of it. Members of the family swore that he was at home when the shot was fired, and Hursh apparently had been eliminated from the list of suspects when one of the jurymen, an aged negro, spoke up.

"Try the voodoo test on him," urged the negro.

"What's that?" inquired the Coroner.

"Get Hursh's gun and fire it off again while he is standing by. If he did the murder the gun will sweat blood."

The Coroner was disinclined to take this step, but others urged it on him and he finally consented. Hursh declared that it was a matter of indifference to him whether the test

was applied or not. He told where his gun would be found, and it was brought into court.

The Coroner and jury adjourned to the woods near by and the gun was loaded and discharged. Hursh stood by, apparently careless of the results.

Following the firing of the gun the jurymen crowded around it to examine it for the sign. A murmur arose among them, and the suspense was more than the prisoner could bear. He turned to the gun to examine it, and the man who had suggested the voodoo test pointed to a red stain near the muzzle of the weapon. Hursh became agitated and seemed on the point of making a dash for liberty when he was seized by a deputy.

Without further investigation the party filed back into the court room, where in a few moments the jury held Hursh responsible for the killing, and Coroner Lewis signed the commitment.

When the prisoner saw that he was to be sent to jail on the strength of the voodoo test he took a sharp knife from his pocket and with one stroke ended his life.

Subsequently more careful examination of the red stain on the muzzle of the gun was made and beyond any doubt it was established to be nothing but rust.

ENGLAND'S FOOD BILL.

\$860,000,000 Paid Last Year to Foreign Countries for Eatables.

The latest volume issued by the board of agriculture and fisheries contains interesting figures. Britain's expenditure for imported food for 1907 was over £172,000,000, while for imported wool and agricultural produce, such as hay, etc., she spent well over £200,000,000.

The percentage of imports to population rises all round. More than four-fifths of the wheat consumed in the United Kingdom comes from abroad.

In the seven years 1899-05 Britain imported on an average 126 pounds of wheat and flour per head of the population each year. In 1907 that amount is nearly doubled.

During the same seven years, 1899-05, the total expenditure per head of population on foreign food averaged £1 2s. 2d. a year. During the last seven years it has averaged £3 4s. 11d. nearly treble the amount, the foods included being wheat, meat, butter, cheese, eggs, fruit and vegetables.

Some of the figures quoted seem enormous. For instance, in 1907, Britishers consumed 2,228,148,000 foreign eggs.

R. H. Rew, who writes the preface to the report, allows himself one prophecy. In calling attention to the astounding increase in the dead meat trade he attributes it to the advance of science, which now enables dead meat, even when it has to pass through the tropics "to compete on almost equal terms with much of the meat killed in this country," and prophesies that in a few years the transit of live animals will disappear "as a relic of an age of imperfect economic development."

A noticeable feature was the great export during the year of British horses to Canada. Canada purchased from Great Britain no less than 61,781 horses, the biggest export ever known, though the total value of £1,240,000 was exceeded in 1906. The principal purchasers were Belgium and the Netherlands.

The Unselfish Bachelor.

Bachelors are cultivated in all large cities. They live in bachelor apartments and bungalows. They can be seen during the day in counting houses and on the golf links, and in the evening at dinner parties and poker games.

Bachelors at one time were easily caught with almost any kind of bait, and swallowed bait, hook, sinker and all, often at the first throw. Now, however, they are becoming much more wary, and hide in the depths of their bachelor apartments or in deep poolrooms from which they cannot be lured.

They are gregarious in their habits, running in schools, but they stand by one another, and it is very unusual to find a solitary one. Occasionally, however, a more foolish and over-confident specimen will poke his nose into a Summer resort, when he is promptly landed.

Bachelors are in reality the bulwark of the nation. By not getting married they do not raise families. Families, as we know, are constantly consuming our natural resources. Bachelors are, therefore, really providing more natural resources for the few. Their conduct, it will be seen, is thus quite unselfish.—Life.

A Taotful Tutor.

It is told of the youth of a young German prince, many years ago, and presumably the present emperor of Germany, that upon one occasion, his tutor having been changed, the newcomer in examining the young prince asked:

"Can your highness tell me how much is nine times 12?"

"Seventy-two," replied the prince with royal promptness.

The tutor paled, but soon recovered his equanimity.

"Permit me to state to your highness that your highness's former tutor, whom I have had the honor to succeed as an instructor to your royal highness, appears to have been a person of rather limited capabilities," he said.—Harper's Weekly.

Arab Sport Under the Moon.

In camp under the moonlight on the desert the travelling Arabs sit around their fire and tell good stories. Sometimes, too, a so-called magician among them will perform tricks of hand. Most marvellous of pastime, as Norman Duncan relates in the Harper's Magazine, these stately Easterners, brimming with moon-madness, will plunge into "schoolboy" games—tag, played with a man mounted on each shoulder, ring-around-a-rosy, bull-in-the-ring, and then crack the whip—the climax of their abandoned joy. Mr. Duncan, in describing the remarkable scene, says it endures until fatigue descends and the camp-fire is burned out.

The rediscount bank provided for by Congress recently was organized in Mexico with a capital of \$10,000,000, one-half of which was furnished by French capitalists and one-half by Mexican banks.

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